

Application No. 10/693,961
Amendment dated June 6, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 13, 2006

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- REMARKS/ARGUMENTS -

Claims 1 to 12 and 17 to 28 remain in the application.

The indication that Claims 1 to 3, 6, 17 to 19 and 21 to 28 are allowed is greatly appreciated.

Claims 13 to 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103. Claims 13 to 16 have been cancelled from the application.

Claims 4, 5, 8, 11, 14 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as reciting that the gas is "wider at a locations subject to a higher operating temperatures during normal engine operation".

The "s" at the end of "locations" and "temperatures" had a strike-through in Applicant's listing of claims of January 10, 2006, but perhaps this was not visible in the facsimile copy received by the Examiner because of the quality of the facsimile transmission. Applicant herein re-submits the amended version of Claims 4, 8 and 20 for the Examiner's consideration.

Claim 7 has been slightly amended to correct the typographical error noted by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early action to that effect would be much appreciated.

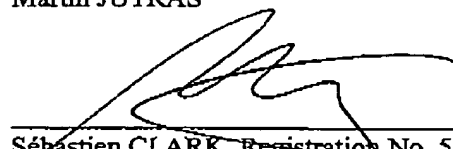
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